

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2 – 5, 7 – 10, and 11 – 20 are presented for consideration. The Examiner previously noted that Claims 2 – 3, 9 and 13 - 16 were in condition for allowance.

The Examiner objected to the presented Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as having improper antecedent basis. Claim 12 has been amended to correct this.

Further, the Examiner rejected to Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Shim. Claim 1 has been withdrawn without prejudice. The Examiner further rejected Claims 4 – 5, 8, 10, 12, 17, and 19 - 20 as being anticipated by Shim. The Examiner further rejected Claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious under Shim.

Applicant has amended claims 4 – 5, 7 – 8, and 10 to depend from allowed Claim 3, thus providing a patentable distinction over Shim.

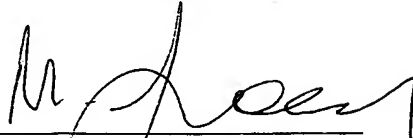
Applicant has amended Claim 12 to include the limitation of a first prominences shaped to have a tapered inner surface to provide a patentable distinction over Shim. As Claims 17 – 20 depend from Claim 12, they too contain the patentable distinction.

Claims 2 – 5, 7 – 10, and 11 – 20 now recite features that are not found in Shim. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully believes that this Amendment resolves all withstanding issues and earnestly solicits a telephone conference to expeditiously resolve any subsequent issues. Applicant respectfully believes that the amendments have addressed the Examiner's

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issues and believes the newly amended claims are ready for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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